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(*d*) how many of the basic training schools are new schools; and

(*e*) the number of training schools, basic and ordinary, proposed to be started in 1949–50 and where it is proposed to locate them?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) 170.

" (*b*) 36

" (*c*) *to* (*e*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House. No new ordinary training school has been opened in the current year."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how many of the schools opened are new training schools and how many of the existing training schools have been converted into basic training schools?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Column (3) of the statement shows which are the new and which are the old schools."

Land assignment policy.

* 66 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have formulated their land assignment policy and consequently have lifted the ban on the permanent assignment of land imposed in 1943;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the new policy is;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to assign Government lands to persons who were authorized to occupy and cultivate them as part of " Grow More Food " campaign;

(*d*) whether the Government have received representations from authorized occupants of Government lands that they are being evicted to make room for political sufferers;

(*e*) if the answer to clause (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government propose to revise their policy in this regard;

(*f*) whether, in regard to eviction of occupants of Government lands, any consideration is shown to actual cultivators as against non-cultivating occupants;

(*g*) what conditions, if any, are being imposed on political sufferers to ensure that they will cultivate the lands themselves or by hired labour without allowing them to lie fallow; and

(*h*) whether the political sufferers are precluded from alienating or sub-letting the lands assigned to them?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the member is invited to the Press Note, dated 9th June 1949.

" (*c*) Grow More Food lessees will be assigned the lands under their occupation up to an extent of 5 acres of wet or 10 acres

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of dry land if they are landless poor persons. In the case of poor persons owning small extents of land, the area assigned should be such that together with the land owned by them their holding does not exceed 5 acres of wet or 10 acres of dry land. In other cases the lands will be withdrawn from them on the expiry of the lease period and disposed of in accordance with the instructions issued on the policy in regard to assignment of land.

"(*d*) Yes.

"(*e*) As the lands were granted temporarily under the Grow More Food Scheme for a specified period and as provision has already been made in the assignment policy for such of these lessees as come under the term 'landless poor persons', the Government do not propose to revise their policy.

"(*f*) Only the actual Grow More Food lessees will receive these benefits. If the actual cultivators are not the lessees, they will not receive any special consideration.

"(*g*) Lands are assigned to political sufferers subject to the conditions, among others, that they should be cultivated by the assignees themselves or the members of their family or with hired labour or both and that the lands assigned should be brought under cultivation within a period of three years from the date of assignment on pain of resumption."

"(*h*) Yes. Political sufferers are precluded from alienating the lands assigned to them for a period of ten years. Nor can they sub-let the lands assigned to them.

Ban on the assignment of agricultural land.

* 67 *Q*.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ban on the assignment, permanent or temporary, of agricultural land since 1943, pending settlement of policy, affects assignment of land for purposes other than agriculture or whether exceptions have been made;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative or negative, what the present policy is in that regard;

(*c*) whether, in assigning lands for agricultural purposes, priority is given to political sufferers even as against ex-service personnel and landless poor including Harijans;

(*d*) who the 'political sufferers' are according to Government;

(*e*) what steps are taken by the Government to ensure that the assigned lands are cultivated immediately in view of the self-sufficiency target to be attained by 1951; and

(*f*) whether, in view of the importance of the Government policy, the Government propose to allot time to discuss the question?